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SHRI JAGANNATH DARSHAN YOJANA (SJDY)OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, 2025

No.13850–TCT-TSP-SJDY-0001/2025/TSM–Odisha, the sacred land of Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath, is renowned for its timeless spirituality, ancient temples, rich culture, and compassionate people. The State's cultural and religious heritage is deeply intertwined with the divine presence of Shri Jagannath Mahaprabhu at Puri, whose temple stands as a living symbol of faith and devotion for millions of devotees in Odisha & abroad. For many elderly citizens and widows across Odisha, a pilgrimage to Shri Mandir is a lifelong aspiration, one that embodies their spiritual fulfilment.

To ensure that age, distance, or financial constraints do not prevent devotees from experiencing the divine Darshan of Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath, Government of Odisha has been pleased to introduce a new scheme, namely, the **Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY)** vide Tourism Department Resolution No.13567/TSM, dated the 20th November, 2025 to facilitate economically weaker senior citizens and widows of all ages of Odisha in fulfilling their long-cherished dream of visiting the holy shrine of Shri Jagannath Mahaprabhu at Puri. The Scheme provides organized, safe, and comfortable pilgrimage opportunities with a view of fostering spiritual enrichment, emotional satisfaction, and social harmony among the beneficiaries.

For the operation of this scheme, Govt. has been pleased to formulate the following guidelines:

1. **Short Title & Commencement**
    a. These guidelines may be called as Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY) Operational Guidelines, 2025
    b. This shall come into force on the date of their publication in *Odisha Gazette*.

2. Definitions

a. “State” means Govt. of Odisha
b. “Department” means Tourism Department
c. “OSRTC” means Odisha State Road Transport Corporation
d. “SJTA” means Shri Jagannath Temple Administration
e. “PRI” means Panchayati Raj Institutions of the concerning district
f. “Collector” means Collector & DM of concerned district
g. “BDO” means Block Development Officer of concerned Block
h. “EO” means Executive Officer of concerned Urban Local Body
i. “TDO” means Tourism Development Officer of concerned districts who were earlier known as Tourist Officer/ District Tourist Officer/ Officer- in Charge of Tourism for the District
j. “GP” means Gram Panchayats of concerned District
k. “SLC” means State Level Committee headed by Director, Tourism
l. “DLC” means District Level Committee headed by concerned ADM of each district chosen by Collector of that District
m. “Monitoring cell” means cell constituted at Tourism Department
n. “EMA” means Event Management Agency engaged by OSRTC to provide logistical support and services
o. “Pilgrim” means a senior citizen/ widow (of any age) of the state of Odisha between the age of 60 - 75 years, who is selected for the Yatra under the scheme
p. “Yatra Itinerary” means the tour package decided by Tourism Department
q. “Starting Point” means the point/ location where the pilgrims will be picked up i.e., the Gram Panchayat headquarters
r. “Congregation Point” means the point/ location where the pilgrims of the concerned district/ block will come to get their health checkup, lunch, breakfast and such services done.

3.Coverage under the Scheme and Duration

a. The scheme is applicable across the entire State of Odisha. Economically weaker citizens between the age of 60 years and 75 years and widows (of any age) who are physically fit and free from communicable diseases are eligible to undertake pilgrimage under this scheme.
b. The Scheme shall remain in force from the date of publication of the notification in the *Odisha Gazette* up to dated 31st March 2029 i.e., FY 2025-

26 to FY 2028-29 unless otherwise modified, withdrawn, or replaced by the Government.

c. A total of approximately 1,00,000 nos. of beneficiaries will be selected from across the State over the scheme duration.

d. Pilgrims from 21 districts i.e., Ganjam, Gajapati, Kandhamal,Boudh,Sambalpur, Bargarh, Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Balangir, Subarnapur, Angul, Koraput, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Malkangiri, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Balasore, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj will be provided with a one night stay facility at Puri.

e. Pilgrims from 09 districts i.e., Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Dhenkanal, Kendrapada,Nayagarh, Bhadrak and Jajpur will undertake a day tour to Puri.

4. Implementation of the Scheme

a. **Implementation:**

SJDY will be implemented end to end through Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC), with close coordination and convergence of multiple stakeholders to ensure safe, smooth, and comfortable pilgrimage for all eligible beneficiaries.

The detailed implementation plan is as follows:

b. **Eligibility:**

i. The beneficiary pilgrim should be between 60 years to 75 years of age on the date of application or should be a widow of any age.

ii. The beneficiary should possess any of the following government issued cards:

a. Antyodaya/ Annapurna card, -

b. Ration Card under NFSA (Central Govt.) –

c. Widow Pension/ Old Age Pension –

d. MGNREGS Job Card –

e. The auto inclusion and the deprivation criteria used by Panchayati Raj Department, which has replaced the criteria for identification of BPL category people and weaker sections for different development schemes can be used to filter the eligible applicants for this scheme.

f. Any other similar documents issued by the State Govt. reflecting their weak economic status or deprivation.

iii. The beneficiary should have the requisite physical fitness to undertake the journey and should not be suffering from any communicable disease as of the date of travel.

iv. Beneficiaries who wish to travel under widow category are required to produce the death certificate of their husbands as the proof.

v. The beneficiary should be a domicile of the State of Odisha. (Proof of domicile may include any government issued valid ID cards such as Voter ID, Aadhaar Card, Revenue land records (Land Patta), etc.)

vi. The applicant should not have been convicted of, or be under trial for, any criminal offence.

vii. Each beneficiary shall be eligible to avail the benefits of this scheme only once during its entire duration. Duplicate or repeat applications from the same individual shall not be considered.

viii. If any applicant is found to have provided false/ incorrect information or documents regarding residence, age, eligibility, or any other details, her/his application shall be rejected, and they shall be permanently debarred from availing benefits under this scheme or any similar pilgrimage-led schemes in the future.

c. **Selection of Beneficiaries:**

i. The Department of Tourism (DoT) will invite applications from eligible beneficiaries in both online and offline modes.

ii. The scheme and application process shall be widely publicized (in Odia & in English) before and after the opening of the application window through advertisements in leading Odia and English dailies to ensure maximum awareness, publicity and participation.

iii. The PR&DW Department (at Block & GP level), H&UD Department (at ULB level), and PRIs shall support the mobilization of applications at the local level.

iv. Applications in online mode shall be submitted through a dedicated Travel Management Portal developed specifically for the Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY).

v. Applicants who wish to apply in offline mode shall submit duly filled application forms to the office of the concerned Block Development Officer (BDO).

vi. The applicant must not have availed benefits under this scheme or any related schemes implemented by the Government of Odisha in the last five years.

vii. Applicants are required to attach all necessary documents as specified in the application form.

viii. In case of offline submission, applicants shall attach self-attested photocopies of all required documents along with the application form.

ix. Beneficiaries must submit an undertaking confirming that they are physically fit, undertaking the journey voluntarily, and accepting that the State Government shall not be responsible for any unforeseen incident (such as death due to old age, prior existing illness etc.) during the pilgrimage.

x. District-wise targets shall be fixed based on the district's population proportion against the overall target number of beneficiaries under the scheme.

xi. Upon completion of the application window, the agency operating the travel management portal shall ensure that all offline applications are uploaded to the portal and all applications are ready for randomization. The concerned BDO shall certify the same in the format attached as Annexure-II.

xii. The district-wise allocation shall further be sub-divided into Gram Panchayat (GP)-wise targets to ensure equitable distribution and participation across all regions.

xiii. Applicants shall apply only from their place of permanent residence. For example, if applications are invited from a specific Gram Panchayat of a Block in Puri District, then only applications from the permanent residents of that Gram Panchayat of Puri will be accepted. In other words, pilgrims will not be allowed to avail the benefits of this pilgrimage outside of their original/ permanent residence address.

xiv. In case the number of applications received exceeds the target number of beneficiaries in any district or GP, a transparent randomization process (in online mode) shall be carried out to select the required number of beneficiaries.

xv. Additionally, a waiting list of applicants shall be prepared through the same randomization process to fill any vacancies arising due to withdrawal or disqualification of selected beneficiaries.

xvi. In case an adequate number of eligible beneficiaries are not available in any district, the shortfall shall be reallocated to other districts by the Department of Tourism to ensure full utilization of the overall target, the process and criteria of this reallocation will remain entirely under the of discretion of Tourism Department.

xvii. Aadhaar integration to SJDY portal shall be done to verify the identity and eligibility of applicants, ensuring authenticity of beneficiary data, and prevent duplication of benefits under the scheme.

d. **Disqualification:**

i. A beneficiary not meeting the eligibility criteria cited at Section 4 Point No. b, shall be disqualified to avail Yatra under this scheme.

ii. Decision of DoT in this regard will be the final decision.

e. **Transportation from GP to Block HQ/ District HQ:**

i. After the randomization process is completed, applicants will be notified of their selection status and the date and time of travel through SMS& call.

ii. The Department of Tourism shall communicate the final list of pilgrims for each trip to OSRTC. Based on this, OSRTC in co-ordination with the District Administration& Block administration shall identify one or more congregation points at each Block or District Headquarters.

iii. OSRTC shall arrange transportation of beneficiaries from the congregation points at each Gram Panchayat (GP) to the predefined congregation points at the Block or District Headquarters using Mukhyamantri Bus Seva (MBS) buses or other suitable means of transportation.

iv. Block Development Officers at the Block level, Executive Officers at ULB level, and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) shall provide necessary assistance and coordination to the OSRTC team to ensure smooth transportation of beneficiaries.

f. **Health Check up:**

i. Upon arrival at the Block or District level congregation points, a health check-up of every beneficiary shall be conducted.

ii. If any pilgrim is found unfit to travel or is detected with a communicable disease, they shall not be allowed to continue with the journey. OSRTC in coordination with the District Administration shall arrange for their safe return to their respective homes.

iii. In case one or more pilgrims are found unfit or absent for any trip, waitlisted candidates shall be contacted and given the opportunity to undertake the trip in their place.

iv. Upon arrival at Puri, the health check-up of pilgrims (if any needed) will be attended to by Puri district administration.

g. **Transportation from Block HQ/ District HQ to Puri:**

i. Upon completion of the health check-up, pilgrims will be provided with pure vegetarian meals (breakfast, lunch, evening snacks with tea, or dinner) based on their departure timing.

ii. Each pilgrim will receive a kit bag containing essential items such as toiletries, caps, fluorescent jackets, water bottles, and souvenirs to support them during the journey.

iii. OSRTC will provide transportation for all trips using Air Conditioned (AC) deluxe buses.

iv. Each bus will be equipped with basic first aid kits and a sufficient quantity of drinking water prior to departure.

v. Two escort officers per bus will be assigned to assist pilgrims throughout the journey.

vi. Pilgrims will be provided with four vegetarian meals daily (breakfast, lunch, evening snacks with tea, and dinner) during the pilgrimage.

vii. Temporary transit camp facilities will be established en route at strategic locations, providing access to washrooms and refreshment services for pilgrims.

viii. Any pilgrim requiring medical attention during the journey will be treated at a Government medical facility free of cost.

ix. All pilgrims will be provided with group health insurance coverage worth up to three lakhs per person the cost (and premium) of which will be borne by OSRTC.

h. **Accommodation and Food:**

i. Pilgrims from 21 districts undertaking the night stay tour will be accommodated at Brundabati Nivas, Puri on a sharing basis. Each room will have basic amenities including beds, mosquito nets, fans, drinking water, and washrooms with hot water, toiletry kits, and room attendants.

ii. Pilgrims from 9 districts undertaking the day tour will be provided with food, washroom facilities, and a brief rest at BrundabatiNivas during their stay at Puri.

iii. All pilgrims will receive four vegetarian meals per day including breakfast, lunch, evening snacks with tea, and dinner.

iv. The responsibility of provision of food to pilgrims will remain entirely with OSRTC.

v. Mahaprasad will be provided to all pilgrims as part of the spiritual experience.

vi. Local transport will be arranged from Brundabati Nivas to Shri Mandir for both day visitors and pilgrims undertaking the one-night stay tour.

vii. A dedicated help desk is to be set up at the Brundabati Nivas to assist pilgrims to address queries and provide logistical support related to accommodation/ stay, Darshan schedules, and return arrangements.

viii. Medical facilities will also be provided at the Brundabati Nivas for providing treatment to pilgrims when necessary by Puri district administration & OSRTC.

i. **Escorts and Support Staff**

i. OSRTC will provide two escort officers per bus to accompany pilgrims during travel.

ii. The Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), in co-ordination with the District Administration, Puri, will facilitate the Darshan of Shri Jagannath at the temple for all beneficiaries.

iii. OSRTC will provide additional support staff at Puri, in addition to the escort officers, to ensure smooth management and co-ordination during Darshan.

iv. OSRTC will also provide additional manpower, support staff, and security at Brundabati Nivas, Puri, as required for pilgrim accommodation and associated services.

j. **Darshan Facilitation:**

i. The Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), in coordination with District Administration Puri, will facilitate the Darshan of Shri Jagannath at the temple for all beneficiaries.

ii. SJTA will also facilitate Mahaprasad for all pilgrims and appoint a nodal officer to oversee implementation at the temple premises.

k. **Return Journey:**

i. The return journey follows a similar structure with transit support and a final drop-off at their respective GPs.

l. **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- **OSRTC:** OSRTC will be responsible for the following:
  - i. Responsible for end-to-end execution of the scheme.
  - ii. Arrangement of transportation for all pilgrims from Gram Panchayat (GP) level to Block/District headquarters and onward to Puri and return to respective Gram Panchayats.
  - iii. OSRTC shall ensure full compliance with transport safety, insurance, and vehicle fitness norms under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and related State Rules. Buses must have the fitness certificate approved by the RTO for operation under this scheme.
  - iv. Arrangement of health check-up of pilgrims at Block/District Headquarters (congregation point).
  - v. Preparation of bus schedules, management of turnaround, and ensuring timely departures and arrivals.
  - vi. Ensuring availability of trained drivers and other staff for all segments of the journey.
  - vii. Maintaining vehicles in safe and hygienic condition, including Mukhyamantri Bus Seva (MBS) buses, AC deluxe buses, and other transport means.
  - viii. The responsibility of provision of food to pilgrims will remain entirely with OSRTC i.e., provision of food (Breakfast + Lunch + Evening Tea with Snacks + Dinner) to all pilgrims.
  - ix. Provide kit bags to all pilgrims containing essential items such as toiletries, caps, fluorescent jackets, water bottles, and souvenirs.

x. Provision of transit camps at strategic locations along the route and necessary facilities for pilgrims at these camps, including rest areas, toilets, drinking water, and medical assistance.

xi. Co-ordination with all stakeholders including BDOs, EOs, PRIs, and District Administration for smooth operations.

xii. Deployment of adequate number of escort officers in each bus for assistance during the journey.

xiii. Provision of additional manpower, support staff, and security at Brundabati Nivas, Puri and other transit points as required.

xiv. Ensuring that all pilgrims are covered under a Group Health Insurance Policy.

xv. Arrangement of spare vehicles and standby drivers to address any vehicle breakdowns or unforeseen contingencies.

xvi. Establishment of an emergency response protocol including first-aid facilities, contact helplines, and co-ordination with local hospitals, police, and fire services for quick response to any emergency situation.

xvii. OSRTC may engage an Event Management Agency (EMA) to provide comprehensive services related to logistics management, pilgrim facilitation, event co-ordination, communication support, and overall assistance at congregation points, transit camps, and destination locations to ensure smooth and efficient execution of the scheme. The engagement of the EMA shall be carried out in accordance with the prevailing Government norms and procedures.

xviii. Submit periodic reports to the Department of Tourism on beneficiary data, trip completion, and any operational issues for monitoring and review purposes.

xix. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free transport of the pilgrims to and from Puri under this scheme.

❖ **Department of Tourism (DoT)**

DoT will be responsible for the following:

i. The Department of Tourism (DoT) shall fund the entire scheme out of its budget allocations.

ii. DoT shall provide branding and promotion support to OSRTC, SJTA and District Administrations.
iii. DoT shall develop, operate and maintain a Travel Management Software for hassle free registration, selection, scheduling and monitoring of pilgrims.
iv. The Department of Tourism shall issue travel advisories to the pilgrims from time to time.
v. DoT shall facilitate coordination between OSRTC, District Administrations, Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) and any other agency involved to ensure smooth implementation of the scheme.
vi. DoT shall prepare a centralized travel or trip scheduling plan for all tours under the scheme.
vii. DoT shall monitor overall scheme implementation, ensure timely fund release and undertake periodic review meetings with all stakeholders.
viii. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free transport of the pilgrims to and from Puri under this scheme.

❖ **District Administration**

The District Administration shall be responsible for the following:

i. Facilitate overall co-ordination and supervision of the scheme within the district& with OSRTC ensuring smooth execution at all levels.
ii. Identify and notify suitable congregation points at Block and District Headquarters in consultation with OSRTC for assembly, health check-up, and departure of pilgrims.
iii. Facilitate health check-up arrangements at the Block or District Headquarters in co-ordination with the Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) and ensure availability of medical personnel, equipment, and first-aid support.
iv. Coordinate with OSRTC to arrange safe and timely transportation of pilgrims from Gram Panchayat (GP) level to Block or District Headquarters and onward to Puri.

v. Ensure that BDOs, EOs of ULBs, and PRIs extend necessary support for mobilization, verification, and facilitation of beneficiaries.

vi. Oversee the uploading of all offline applications to the Travel Management Portal after verification and certification by the concerned BDOs/ EOs.

vii. Certify the completion of application uploading and verification in the prescribed format (*Annexure-II*) before randomization.

viii. Ensure the physical verification of selected beneficiaries before travel and provide necessary administrative support for health screening and documentation.

ix. Facilitate arrangements for transit camps at designated en route locations in co-ordination with OSRTC, ensuring availability of essential facilities such as toilets, drinking water, rest areas, and refreshments.

x. Deploy adequate administrative and support staff at congregation points and transit camps to ensure smooth facilitation of pilgrim movement.

xi. Provide security arrangements at congregation points and transit camps in coordination with local police authorities.

xii. Maintain close co-ordination with OSRTC and the Department of Tourism for handling emergencies, medical contingencies, and any other unforeseen incidents during the journey.

xiii. Ensure proper communication with all Block and ULB-level officials for timely dissemination of instructions, schedules, and updates related to the scheme.

xiv. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free transport of the pilgrims to and from Puri under this scheme.

❖ **District Administration, Puri**

i. Facilitate overall co-ordination and supervision of the Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana within Puri district to ensure smooth execution at all levels.

ii. Identify and notify suitable congregation points at Blocks and District Headquarter of Puri in co-ordination with OSRTC for assembly, health check-up, and departure of pilgrims.
iii. Facilitate health check-up arrangements at congregation points, ensuring availability of medical personnel, equipment, and first-aid support.
iv. Co-ordinate with OSRTC for safe and timely transportation of pilgrims from Gram Panchayat level to Block/District Headquarters and onward to Puri.
v. Ensure support from Block Development Officers (BDOs), Executive Officers (EOs) of ULBs, and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for mobilization, verification, and facilitation of beneficiaries of Puri district.
vi. Oversee the uploading of offline applications to the Travel Management Portal after verification and certify completion in the prescribed format before randomization of Puri District.
vii. Facilitate availability of adequate rooms in Brundabati Nivas for pilgrims.
viii. Co-ordinate with OSRTC for smooth management of all services at Brundabati Nivas, including meals, lodging, and assistance to pilgrims.
ix. Deploy administrative and support staff at congregation points, transit camps, and Brundabati Nivas to ensure smooth facilitation of pilgrims.
x. Manage law and order at Brundabati Nivas and Puri, co-ordinating with local police authorities as needed.
xi. Facilitate parking management and co-ordinate with OSRTC for local transport arrangements at Puri.
xii. Provide or facilitate all emergency services for pilgrims, including medical assistance, ambulance services, and coordination with local hospitals.
xiii. Co-ordinate with SJTA and OSRTC to ensure smooth Darshan of Shri Jagannath and provision of Mahaprasad to all pilgrims.

xiv. Maintain close coordination with OSRTC, SJTA, and the Department of Tourism for handling emergencies, medical contingencies, or unforeseen incidents during the journey.

xv. Ensure proper communication with all Block and ULB-level officials for timely dissemination of instructions, schedules, and updates related to the scheme.

xvi. The District Administration, Puri, may engage the services of an Event Management Agency (EMA), if required, to support coordination, logistics management, and the smooth execution of all activities related to the scheme. Any such engagement shall be undertaken in accordance with the prevailing Government norms and procedures and the cost of such will be borne by OSRTC.

xvii. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free transport of the pilgrims to and from Puri under this scheme.

❖ **Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA)**

i. Facilitate Darshan of Shri Jagannath for all beneficiaries under the scheme at the temple premises.

ii. Co-ordinate with OSRTC and District Administration support staff and escort officers for smooth flow of pilgrims during Darshan, including queuing, guidance, and crowd management.

iii. Co-ordinate with OSRTC for providing Mahaprasad to all pilgrims participating in the scheme.

iv. Appoint a nodal officer to oversee implementation of the scheme at the temple and co-ordinate with OSRTC, District Administration, and Department of Tourism.

v. Support OSRTC and District Administration in managing any contingencies, including medical emergencies or other unforeseen situations during Darshan.

vi. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free Darshan and provision of Mahaprasad to the pilgrims under this scheme.

- **Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department**
  i. Support mobilization and verification of beneficiaries at the Block level through BDOs.
  ii. Facilitate co-ordination with Gram Panchayats for smooth registration and transport of pilgrims.
  iii. Assist OSRTC at congregation points and transit camps.
  iv. Support implementation of health check-ups and other on-ground arrangements at Block headquarters/ District Headquarters.
  v. Ensure proper communication with BDOs for timely execution of scheme activities.
  vi. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free transport of pilgrims under this scheme.
- **Housing and Urban Development Department**
  i. Support mobilization and verification of beneficiaries at the ULB level through EOs.
  ii. Assist in mobilization of urban beneficiaries and verification of applications.
  iii. Assist OSRTC at congregation points and transit camps.
  iv. Facilitate communication and coordination between municipal officials and District Administration for smooth execution of the scheme.
  v. Any other arrangement that may be needed to facilitate the smooth and hassle-free transport of pilgrims under this scheme.
- **Police / Law & Order Authorities**
  i. Facilitate smooth passage of buses operating under the scheme in coordination with the concerned District Administrations. Buses travelling under SJDY may not be detained for scrutiny under normal circumstances at any level.
  ii. Maintain law and order at congregation points, Brundabati Nivas, transit camps, and at Puri.
  iii. Manage emergencies and co-ordinate rapid response when needed.
  iv. Any other arrangement required to ensure the safety, security, and smooth functioning of the pilgrimage under this scheme

- **Pilgrims**
    i. Adhere strictly to the trip schedule, including departure, transit, and Darshan timings.
    ii. Follow instructions from escort officers, support staff, police, and temple administration at all times.
    iii. Maintain decorum, respectful behaviour, and cleanliness during the pilgrimage.
    iv. Take care of personal belongings and use the facilities provided responsibly.

5. Source of funding for the Scheme/ Project and fund flow mechanism

a. The DoT shall be the funding authority for the Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY).
b. DoT shall allocate funds from its own budget annually, based on the yearly target of beneficiaries under this scheme.
c. DoT shall release funds in a timely manner to OSRTC for smooth execution of the scheme.
d. All expenditure under this scheme shall be met from the budgetary allocation of the Department of Tourism. The Financial Advisor, DoT, shall vet proposals for fund release to OSRTC.

6. Intended Scheme/ Programme Outcome

a. Successful pilgrimage of approximately 1,00,000 no of economically weaker senior citizens and widows (of all age)to Shri Jagannath Dham, Puri over the duration of the scheme.
b. The number of trips may vary depending upon the circumstances extraneous to the Government/ Department, or as may be decided by the Government from time to time.
c. Similarly, the target number of Pilgrims per district are tentative and may vary depending on the decision of the Government from time to time.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation mechanism

a. The Department of Tourism shall track - trip schedules, beneficiary data, and feedback received through the Travel Management Portal.

b. OSRTC shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Department of Tourism, detailing the number of beneficiaries covered, trip-wise performance, and issues, if any.

c. OSRTC shall also obtain feedback from pilgrims at the end of each trip and submit a compiled summary along with the quarterly progress report.

d. A third-party midterm evaluation may be commissioned to assess the impact of the scheme and recommend improvements.

e. For smooth implementation and effective oversight, two monitoring committees shall be constituted, one at the State level and one at the District level.

i. State Level Monitoring Committee

One state level monitoring committee shall be formed under the chairmanship of Director Tourism with the following members

- Director, Tourism – Chairman
- Representative of OSRTC – Member
- Representative of SJTA – Member
- Representative of PR&DW Department – Member
- Representative of H&UD Department – Member
- Collector, Puri – Member
- Officer-in-Charge of the Scheme, Department of Tourism – Member Convenor
- Any Other member as desired by Director, Tourism

ii. District Level Monitoring Committee

One district level monitoring committee shall be formed in each district under the chairmanship of ADM along with the following members

- Concerned ADM – Chairman
- Concerned BDOs – Members
- Concerned EOs of ULBs in the District – Members
- Representative (s) of OSRTC – Members
- District Medical Officer / CDMO
- District Police / Law & Order Officer – Member
- Representative from District Tourism Office – Member Convenor
- Any other member as desired by ADM

8. Grievance Redressal

a. A dedicated helpline number and email ID shall be established by OSRTC for addressing grievances related to registration, travel arrangements, facilities, or on-ground issues faced by pilgrims.

b. The District Administration / OSRTC shall maintain a complaint register at each designated congregation point, transit camp, and within the travel management system, ensuring resolution of grievances within a stipulated time period.

c. The Department of Tourism (DoT) shall monitor grievances through the portal and quarterly reports, ensuring systemic rectification/ modifications (if any required) and process improvement (wherever required).

9. Forms for application by the beneficiaries (if any) to be annexed

- Annexure – I: Application Form for Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY)
- Annexure – II: BDO / EO Certification for Uploading Offline Applications (in case of applying offline/ no need of certification if applied online)
- Annexure – III: Declaration / Undertaking by the Pilgrim (compulsory)
- Annexure – IV: Health Screening Format at Congregation Point
- Annexure – V: Feedback / Satisfaction Form (Post-Trip)

ORDER

Ordered that the Notification be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* for general information and copies thereof be forwarded to all Departments of Government / the A.G., Odisha / all HoDs/ all RDCs/ all Collectors/ all TDOs for information.

By Order of the Governor
BALWANT SINGH
Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government

Annexure – I

Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY)

Application Form

1. Personal Details

Passport Size Photograph

- Name of Applicant: _____
- Father's / Husband's Name: _____
- Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other
- Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____
  (Age as on date of application: ____ years)
- Category: ☐ SC ☐ ST ☐ SEBC ☐ General ☐ Minority
- Whether Widow (if applicable): ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Contact Details

- Full Address (with Village / Ward, GP / ULB, Block, District, PIN):
  _____
  _____
  _____
  _____
- Mobile Number: _____
- Emergency Contact No: _____
- Aadhaar Number: _____
- Voter ID No.: _____

3. Eligibility Information

- Are you a domicile of Odisha? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  (Attach proof: Aadhaar / Voter ID / Land Record / Other)
- Do you possess any of the below cards? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  (Attach: Proof of belonging to economically weaker section (Antyodaya/ Annapurna card, Ration Card under NFSA/ Widow Pension/ Old Age Pension, MGNREGS Job Card)
- Have you availed benefits under this or any similar pilgrimage scheme of the Govt. of Odisha in the last 5 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you a widow? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  (Attach proof: Death certificate of Husband)
- Do you have any chronic or communicable disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- Do you have any other major disease (such as heart, kidney etc.) for which travelling is prohibited? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Declaration

I have read and understood all provisions of the Shri Jagannath DarshanYojana (SJDY) and hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by all conditions and undertake the pilgrimage as per the scheme guidelines.

Signature / Thumb Impression of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Documents to be attached:

☐ Proof of Age (Aadhaar / Voter ID / Birth Certificate)

☐ Proof of belonging to economically weaker section (Antyodaya/ Annapurna card, Ration Card under NFSA, Widow Pension/ Old Age Pension, MGNREGS Job Card)

☐Death certificate of Husband & Legal Heir certificate (in case of a widow) (if applicable)

☐ Proof of Domicile (Aadhaar / Voter ID / Land Record / Other such document)

☐ Medical Fitness Certificate (if applicable)

☐ Self-declaration form (Annexure-III)

Incomplete SJDY form (s) without mandatory enclosures shall be summarily rejected.

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ଶ୍ରୀ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥ ଦର୍ଶନ ଯୋଜନା ଆବେଦନ ଫର୍ମ

ଏଠାରେ ଆପଣଙ୍କ ପାସପୋର୍ଟ ଫୋଟୋ ଲଗାନ୍ତୁ

1. ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ସୂଚନା:

- ନାମ: _____
- ପିତା / ସ୍ୱାମୀଙ୍କ ନାମ: _____
- ଲିଙ୍ଗ : _____ମହିଳା/ _____ପୁରୁଷ/_____ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ
- ଜନ୍ମ ତାରିଖ : _____
  (ଆବେଦନ ତାରିଖ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ବୟସ _____)
- ପରିବାର ଶ୍ରେଣୀ : _____ଅନୁସୂଚିତ ଜନଜାତି , _____ଅନୁସୂଚିତ ଜାତି, _____ ପଛୁଆବର୍ଗ, _____ ସାଧାରଣ ବର୍ଗ
- ବିଧବା (ଯଦି ଲାଗୁହେଉଥାଏ ତାହେଲେ): _____ହଁ /_____ନାଁ

2. ଯୋଗାଯୋଗ ତଥ୍ୟ :

- ସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଠିକଣା (ଗ୍ରାମ / ୱାର୍ଡ / ଗ୍ରାପ/ ନଗର ନିଗମ /ବ୍ଲକ / ଜିଲ୍ଲା / ପିନ)
  _____
  _____
  _____
- ମୋବାଇଲ ନମ୍ବର:_____
- ଜରୁରୀକାଳୀନ ଯୋଗାଯୋଗ ନଂ:_____
- ଆଧାର କାର୍ଡ ନଂ:_____
- ଭୋଟର କାର୍ଡ ନଂ: _____

3. ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ତଥ୍ୟ:

- ଆପଣ ଓଡିଶାର ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ବାସିନ୍ଦା କି ? _____ହଁ /_____ନାଁ
  (ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର: ଆଧାର କାର୍ଡ / ଭୋଟର କାର୍ଡ / ପଟ୍ଟା ଇତ୍ୟାଦି)
- ଆପଣଙ୍କ ସହ ନିମ୍ନ ସରକାରୀ ଆର୍ଥିକ ଦୁର୍ବଳ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ପ୍ରମାଣ ପତ୍ର ଉପଲବ୍ଧ କି?
  - ଅନ୍ତ୍ୟୋଦୟ/ ଅନ୍ନପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣା କାର୍ଡ
  - ରାସନ କାର୍ଡ (ଜାତୀୟ ଖାଦ୍ୟ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଆଇନ)
  - ବିଧବା ଭତ୍ତା କାର୍ଡ/ ବାର୍ଦ୍ଧକ୍ୟ ଭତ୍ତା କାର୍ଡ/ ମଧୁବାବୁ ପେନଶନ କାର୍ଡ
  - ମହାତ୍ମାଗାନ୍ଧୀ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ କର୍ମ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ଯୋଜନା କାର୍ଡ

- ଆପଣ ବିଗତ ପାଞ୍ଚ ବର୍ଷ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏହି ଯୋଜନା କିମ୍ବା ଏହି ଯୋଜନା ଭଳି ଅନ୍ୟ କିଛି ଯୋଜନାର ସୁବିଧା ପାଇଛନ୍ତି କି ?
  _____ହଁ /_____ନାଁ

- ଆପଣ ବିଧବା କି ?

  _____ହଁ /_____ନାଁ (ପ୍ରମାଣ ପତ୍ର: ସ୍ୱାମୀଙ୍କ ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର)
- ଆପଣ କୌଣସି ସଂକ୍ରାମକ/ ଦୀର୍ଘକାଳ ରୋଗରେ ପୀଡିତ କି ?

  _____ହଁ /_____ନାଁ
- ଆପଣ ଅନ୍ୟ କୌଣସି ରୋଗ (ଯଥା ହୃଦ, ବୃକକ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି) ଯେଉଁ ରୋଗ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ଯାତ୍ରା କରିବାକୁ ମନା, ସେଭଳି କିଛି ରୋଗରେ ପୀଡିତ କି ?_____ହଁ /_____ନାଁ

4. ଘୋଷଣାନାମା :

ମୁଁ ଏତଦ୍ୱାରା ଘୋଷଣା କରୁଅଛି ଯେ ମୋ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଦିଆଯାଇଥିବା ବିବରଣୀ ମୋର ଜ୍ଞାନ ଓ ବିଶ୍ୱାସମତେ ସତ୍ୟ ଅଟେ । ଉପରୋକ୍ତ ବିବରଣୀ ଅସତ୍ୟ/ ମିଥ୍ୟା ହୋଇଥିଲେ ଏଥି ପାଇଁ ମୁଁ ସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ରୂପେ ଦାୟୀ ରହିବି ଏବଂ ଯାତ୍ରା ପାଇଁ ଅଯୋଗ୍ୟ ବିବେଚିତ ହେବି । ଯାତ୍ରା ସମୟରେ କୌଣସି ଦୁର୍ଘଟଣା କିମ୍ବା କୌଣସି ଅଘଟଣ ଘଟିଲେ ସରକାର ଏଥିପାଇଁ ଦାୟୀ ରହିବେ ନାହିଁ । ମୁଁ ଏହି ଯୋଜନାର ସମସ୍ତ ନିୟମାବଳୀ ଏବଂ ସର୍ତ୍ତକୁ ମାନି ଯାତ୍ରାରେ ଅଂଶ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବାକୁ ପ୍ରତିଶୃତିବଦ୍ଧ ରହୁଛି।

ସ୍ୱାକ୍ଷର / ବାମ ହାତ ବୃଦ୍ଧାଙ୍ଗୁଳିର ଟିପ ଚିହ୍ନ:

ତାରିଖ:

ସ୍ଥାନ:

5. ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର ତାଲିକା :

- ବୟସ ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର
- ଆର୍ଥିକ ଦୁର୍ବଳ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର
- ସ୍ୱାମୀଙ୍କ ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର ତତ ସହିତ ସ୍ୱାମୀଙ୍କ ଉତ୍ତରାଧିକାରୀ ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର (ଯଦି ଲାଗୁ ହେଉଥାଏ ତାହେଲେ)
- ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ବାସିନ୍ଦା ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର
- ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ସାର୍ଟିଫିକେଟ (ଯଦି ଲାଗୁ ହେଉଥାଏ ତାହେଲେ)
- ଘୋଷଣାନାମା

ଅସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଶ୍ରୀ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥ ଦର୍ଶନ ଯୋଜନା ଆବେଦନ ଫର୍ମକୁ ନାକଚ/ଖାରଜ କରିଦିଆଯିବ।

Annexure – II : BDO / EO Certification for Uploading Offline Applications

(To be filled after completion of the process of offline application form collection and verification)

It is hereby certified that all offline applications received under the *Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY)* from the GPs/ULBs under my jurisdiction have been verified and uploaded to the Travel Management Portal. The details have been cross-checked, and no duplicate or ineligible entries have been found to the best of my knowledge.

Name of Block / ULB: _____

Total Applications Received: _____

Total Applications Uploaded: _____

Date of Completion: _____

Signature of BDO / EO: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Seal: _____

Date: _____

Annexure – III : Declaration / Undertaking by the Pilgrim

I, Mr/ Mrs/Ms _____ (Name), resident of _____, do hereby declare that:

i. I have the requisite fitness to undertake the journey and am not suffering from any chronic or communicable disease. This information has been truthfully provided in my application form.
ii. I am voluntarily undertaking this pilgrimage under the *Shri Jagannath Darshan Yojana (SJDY)* at my own will and risk. I understand that the State Government shall not be responsible for any unforeseen or untoward incident, if any, during the entire duration of the pilgrimage, including travel, stay, and return to my home.
iii. I shall not deviate from the scheduled journey program and will adhere to the *Travel Advisory* issued by the Department of Tourism and to the instructions of escort officers, support staff, police, temple administration, and other authorities at all times.
iv. I shall maintain good conduct and cordial behaviour with fellow pilgrims, escort officers, support staff, police, temple administration, and room attendants throughout the pilgrimage.
v. I agree to comply with all instructions and safety guidelines issued under the scheme for the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.
vi. I have no other major disease (such as heart, kidney etc.) for which travelling is prohibited.

Signature / Thumb Impression of the Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Annexure – IV : Health Screening Format at Congregation Point

(To be filled by Authorized Medical Officer prior to departure)

Name of Pilgrim: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Block / GP / ULB: _____

Medical Check-up Summary:

☐ Blood Pressure: _____ / _____ mmHg

☐ Pulse Rate: _____ bpm

☐ Temperature: _____ °C

☐ Oxygen Saturation (SPO_2): _____ %

☐ Any Chronic / Communicable Disease Observed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specify: _____

Fitness Assessment:

☐ Fit for travel

☐ Unfit for travel (specify reason): _____

Signature of Medical Officer: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Seal: _____

Date: _____

***Annexure – V* : Feedback / Satisfaction Form (Post-Trip)**

Name of Pilgrim: _____

District: _____ Block / ULB: _____

Date of Journey: _____

Please rate the following on a scale of 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent):

1. Food		**2. Transportation**		**3. Accommodation (if applicable)**		**4. Darshan**	
Excellent		Excellent		Excellent		Excellent	
Good		Good		Good		Good	
Average		Average		Average		Average	
Below Average		Below Average		Below Average		Below Average	
Poor		Poor		Poor		Poor	

Would you recommend this Yatra to others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any Suggestions:

Signature / Thumb Impression: _____

Date: _____

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